

# Baucus, Tester Secure Millions for Montana

## *Senators: \$112 million for Montana in spending bill*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Montana's two U.S. Senators secured nearly \$112 million for the Big Sky State after negotiators this weekend threatened to axe all federal funding for state-specific projects.

The money is part of a bipartisan overall funding bill working its way through Congress. The measure not only funds important services in the federal government for the 2008 fiscal year, it sets aside \$111.6 million for more than 120 individual projects across Montana, Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester announced today.

### **Fighting a Veto Threat**

President Bush previously had threatened to veto at-home spending measures put forth by Congress, compelling some lawmakers to suggest stripping all appropriations projects from the overall spending measure. Negotiators came to an agreement on the legislation late Sunday.



Max and Jon helped fight veto threats to keep the funding for these vital Montana projects. Photo: Ty Matsdorf

### **Dollars to Boost Montana's Economy**

The various projects improve Montana's infrastructure, public safety, health care, crime fighting, drug abuse, economic development, scientific research, education and agriculture.

### **The funding for each region of Montana breaks down as follows:**

- Billings: **\$9,681,578**
- Bozeman: **\$16,459,135**
- Butte: **\$12,438,800**
- Great Falls: **\$9,315,172**
- Helena: **\$4,450,145**
- Kalispell: **\$6,275,641**
- Missoula: **\$10,283,705**
- Rural Montana: **\$42,702,202**

“Jon and I weren’t about to let anyone meddle with projects that bring good-paying jobs and new opportunities to Montana,” Baucus said. “We fought hard for these dollars because Montana deserves funding for things like better highways, safer police stations and clean water.”

“Max and I fought for—then rescued—money that will go a long way for all Montanans, especially for folks in rural Montana,” Tester said. “We secured this money despite an administration that’s out of touch with rural America. I will always fight for good projects that make Montana a great place to do business and the best place in the world to raise a family.”

## Finishing the Job



Max visits the Center for Asbestos Related Disease, CARD is set to receive nearly \$250,000 to help Libby residents. Photo: Barrett Kaiser

The legislation passed U.S. House, late Monday and is on it's way to the Senate. The overall bill will then go to President Bush, who today said he hopes to sign it into law.

President Bush has already signed the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, which sets aside nearly \$31 million for military research and development projects across Montana.

A breakdown of the funding for Montana’s projects is attached. Specific information about individual projects is available on request.

## Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Include:

### Billings

- **\$4,596,200** Shiloh Road
- **\$328,300** Cobb Field
- **\$178,600** Billings Police Department to purchase a crime scene investigation vehicle
- **\$206,800** Billings Police Department for digital cameras for police vehicles
- **\$267,900** MSU-B workforce development at women's prison
- **\$260,000** Billings Heights water system
- **\$260,000** Billings Westwicks Lane water system
- **\$312,912** Yellowstone River Corridor Study

- **\$957,967** St. Vincent/Montana Children's Health Care
- **\$306,549** Billings Clinic Cancer Center
- **\$286,899** Billings Clinic Diabetes Center
- **\$268,231** Billings Clinic Rural Information System
- **\$268,231** Northwest Research Institute/Rocky Mountain Health Care Network
- **\$153,275** MSU-B Healthcare Education Program
- **\$153,275** MSU-B Skilled Trades Workforce Center
- **\$123,799** MSU-B Montana Energy Workforce Training Center
- **\$262,640** Housing First Project
- **\$196,000** Harvest Community Foundation (Billings Heights)
- **\$294,000** Billings Food Bank

## **Bozeman**

- **\$547,143** for the Barley for Rural Development project. This project allows MSU researchers to find and use high-quality barley for malt, feed, food and ethanol.
- **\$148,950** for the Montana Sheep Institute. This project will research the role of sheep and goat grazing as means of controlling the spread non-native weeds.
- **\$1,869,819** to build MSU's Animal Bioscience Research Facility, which will boost the quality of Montana seedstock and the commercial livestock industry.
- **\$983,070** for the Joe Skeen Institute at MSU, which will go toward restoring, sustaining and improving the health of Montana's rangelands.
- **\$725,883** for the Montana Sustainable Beef Network to boost Montana's \$900 million-per-year beef industry.
- **\$465,717** for the Ruminant Nutrition Consortium
- **\$219,453** for MSU's Wool Research program
- **\$277,300** for a mobile communications command vehicle and a special response vehicle will allow Gallatin County first responders to respond more quickly and efficiently to emergencies.
- **\$188,000** in grants for local law enforcement
- **\$5,904,000** for MSU's Center for Zero Emissions Research & Technology which is focused on developing zero emissions coal
- **\$500,000** for MSU's TechRanch
- **\$200,000** for Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
- **\$4,429,800** for the Sun Ranch Land Acquisition Project consists of two conservation easement purchases to protect a critical habitat for Montana wildlife and preserve and guarantee hunting access

## **Butte**

- **\$2,581,800** AATRA-NCAT - provides technical information, educational resources, and assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural

- information providers who are interested in sustainable agriculture technologies and in marketing methods which improve farm sustainability.
- **\$260,000** Basin Creek Reservoir
  - **\$1,968,000** Western Environmental Technology Center
  - **\$7,629,000** Army Reserve Center – for purchasing land, constructing an ARC Training building, Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS), unheated storage building, and organizational parking.
  - **\$260,000** Port of Montana Water

## **Great Falls**

- **\$7,000,000** Malmstrom Air Force Base Community Activity Center
- **\$446,500** Great Falls Emergency Services Training Center
- **\$952,072** Benefis Healthcare Foundation
- **\$656,600** Great Falls Bus Facility

## **Helena**

- **\$470,000** Montana Meth Project (another 446,500 will go to the Meth Project Foundation in Missoula)
- **\$650,480** Montana Offender Notification Tracking System (MONTSS)
- **\$312,550** Montana Drug Courts
- **\$295,320** Missouri River Water Treatment Plant
- **\$246,100** Wolf Monitoring
- **\$191,593** Carroll College Civil Engineering Program
- **\$114,956** Shodair Children's Hospital
- **\$114,956** St. Peter's Hospital
- **\$984,900** 1-15 Custer Avenue Interchange
- **\$426,790** Exploration Works
- **\$196,000** Rocky Mountain Development Center, Eagle Manor

## **Kalispell**

- **\$3,939,600** Highway 93 Kalispell Bypass
- **\$885,960** Cline Mine/Flathead Baseline Study
- **\$223,250** Flathead 911 Dispatch
- **\$268,231** FVCC - Entrepreneurship Program
- **\$178,600** Whitefish Police Department Equipment
- **\$260,000** Bigfork Ranch Water System
- **\$260,000** Greater Woods Bay Water System
- **\$260,000** Dayton Wastewater System

## **Missoula**

- **\$580,450** to purchase equipment for a new Missoula Police Headquarters.

- **\$312,550** to improve The University of Montana's Montana Youth Empowerment Project.
- **\$89,300** to purchase equipment for the Missoula County Interoperable Communications Center.
- **\$446,500** for the Meth Project Foundation in Missoula (another \$470,000 will go to the statewide Montana Meth Project).
- **\$366,600** for the Missoula Public Safety Training Center.
- **\$492,200** for the Blackfoot River Special Recreation Management Area that will protect critical wildlife habitat for rare, threatened and endangered animal and plant species.
- **\$1,968,800** for the North Swan River Valley Land Acquisition.
- **\$583,000** for the Montana World Trade Center.
- **\$593,448** for St. Patrick Hospital Telemedicine Network to establish an electronic medical record system component within the Montana Cardiology Telemedicine Network to integrate patient records throughout the Network and to enable all health care providers to have access to patient information.
- **\$268,231** for Community Medical Center to help provide new labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum birthing suites; cesarean delivery rooms; and private rooms for neonatal intensive care patients.
- **\$171,943** for the UM Methamphetamine Detection and Health Effects Research where Montana researchers are ideally positioned to establish an integrated meth detection and health effects research program to serve as a central resource for the nation in addressing Meth abuse.
- **\$114,956** for the UM Rehabilitation, Research, and Training Center that will fund a demonstration project under the Living and Working Well with a Disability program under the auspices of Medicare/Medicaid.
- **\$76,637** for the Montana Committee for the Humanities that will fund a year-long program of conferences, forums, meetings, and other public gatherings.
- **\$656,600** for the Bridge Over Broadway that would provide a pedestrian bridge for access to the Rattlesnake Recreation area new East Broadway Avenue.
- **\$656,600** for homeWORD that will help to develop affordable, rental housing for citizens of Missoula.
- **\$295,470** for the Missoula Food Bank, Inc. Transportation System that will be used to purchase eight refrigerated trucks to help transport food to food shelters across the state.
- **\$2,058,000** for spiroid winglets research.
- **\$738,920** for the Missoula Air Traffic Control tower replacement.
- **\$260,000** for the Seeley Lake Water Improvements project.

## Rural Montana

- **Big Horn County** \$850,650 to improve the Crow Wastewater Lagoon.
- **Blaine County** \$153,275 for the Ft. Belknap Native Enrichment Project.

- **Carter County** \$1,568,000 to pave a portion of Highway 323 near Alzada.
- **Custer County** \$167,030 for new tele-radiology equipment at Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City.
- **Custer County** \$906,000 to improve the National Guard's Miles City Readiness Center
- **Custer County** \$335,043 to boost health care education programs through Miles City Community College's Pathways to Careers program.
- **Glacier County** \$260,000 to improve the Cut Bank Wastewater System.
- **Granite County** \$260,000 to improve the Phillipsburg Wastewater System.
- **Hill County:** \$5,904,000 for the Rocky Boy's-North Central Montana Regional Water System.
- **Hill County:** \$446,500 to improve the Chippewa Cree Juvenile Detention Center on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.
- **Hill County:** \$393,960 to transfer housing units from Malmstrom Air Force Base to the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.
- **Hill County:** \$7,500,000 for the settlement of Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation's water claim.
- **Jefferson County** \$260,000 to improve the Whitehall Wastewater System.
- **Lake County** \$229,810 to improve the transportation system for the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes.
- **Lincoln County** \$223,250 to improve the Eureka Justice Center.
- **Lincoln County** \$248,580 to sustain services at the Center for Asbestos-Related Disease in Libby.
- **Madison County** \$76,637 to provide training for teachers through the Northern Rockies Educational Service.
- **Madison County** \$286,899 for facilities and equipment at the Virginia City Nursing Home.
- **Mineral County** \$223,250 for equipment and space for Mineral County Search and Rescue.
- **Park County** \$692,121 for the Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee.
- **Park County** \$986,049 for the Tri-State Predator Control program to monitor wolves.
- **Park County** \$3,740,720 to improve the Yellowstone National Park Wastewater Project.
- **Pondera County** \$752,200 to improve the Conrad Wastewater System.
- **Powell County** \$95,305 to help the Powell County Hospital buy new emergency room equipment.
- **Ravalli County** \$76,637 for the MAPS Program at the Florence Revor Prosten Foundation.
- **Ravalli County** \$260,000 to improve the Hamilton Wastewater System.
- **Ravalli County** \$229,912 to help the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital build an emergency room.
- **Ravalli County** \$262,640 to help restore the Daly Mansion in Hamilton.

- **Richland County** \$286,899 to improve the Sidney Health Center.
- **Roosevelt County** \$9,840,000 for the Fort Peck-Dry Prairie Rural Water System.
- **Sheridan County** \$260,000 to improve the Phillipsburg Wastewater System.
- **Teton County** \$260,000 to improve the Power Water System.
- **Toole County** \$191,593 to replace outdated equipment at the Marias Medical Center.
- **Valley County** \$297,168 for Fort Peck Cabin Sales.
- **Valley County** \$260,000 to improve the Glasgow Wastewater System.
- **Statewide** \$645,504 for abandoned mine land restoration.
- **Statewide** \$2,756,320 to boost the Small Public Water System Technical Assistance program, which helps rural communities get clean water.
- **Statewide** \$191,549 for the Rural Health Technology Consortium.